Southern Gateway to Upper Sioux Agency State Park on The Hiawatha-Pioneer Trail

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Chair Dave Disregard and members of the House Property Tax Division,

The mayor, city council members, and residents of the City of Echo strongly support House Bill H.F. No.2239 regarding the 2021 local government aid.

Due to the negligence of a city employee, the City of Echo missed the deadline for filing their 2021 financial reporting requirements. The city has since met all required reporting requirements.

Small cities like Echo depend on Local Government Aid to help supply their residents with the essentials that are needed and to keep a city's budget manageable.

The City of Echo has since hired a new city Clerk/Treasurer and is closely monitoring the duties and responsibilities of that position. All taxes, yearly reports, and other tasks required for the operations of the city, have been done on a timely basis.

Thank you for considering restoring the aid so greatly vital to small cities.

Sincerely,

Brian Pitzl, Clerk/Treasurer

City of Echo, MN